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BANGLADESH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DELHI CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER GANDHI AUGUST 25 TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE TO HER FROM BANGLADESH PRESIDENT KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A GOI STATEMENT ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER:

"THE BANGLADESH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE REFERS TO THE SHARED STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF BANGLADESH. IT SAYS THAT THE EXISTING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES ARE 'DEEPLY CHERISHED AND VALUED' BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH.

"PRESIDENT KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED REITERATES HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONOUR EXISTING BILATERAL TREATIES AND

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MENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONOUR EXISTING BILATERAL TREATIES AND

AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH. HE EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION TO MAINTAIN BETWEEN THEM 'FRIENDSHIP, FRATERNITY AND PEACE FREE OF ANY FRICTION AND TENSION'.

"THE BANGLADESH PRESIDENT HAS REITERATED THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION AS THE COMMON BASE OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONS HIS COUNTRY'S CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND ITS COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN THE SUB-CONTINENT.

"THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT INDIA RECIPROCATED THE FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND REGARD FOR BANGLADESH. WE BELIEVED IN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL OUR NEIGHBOURS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY OUR FULL PART IN PROMOTING COOPERATION AND GOOD RELATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUB-CONTINENT."SAXBE

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